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SUBJECT: UK PROPOSAL FOR DEMARCHE TO EC REQUESTING BETTER  
INFORMATION ON MATTERS AFFECTING BERLIN

REF: A) BONN 6960; B) BRUSSELS 7448

1. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE BRITISH PROPOSAL ON

KEEPING THE ALLIES BETTER INFORMED ON EC MATTERS AFFECTING  
BERLIN HAS MERIT AND THAT WE SHOULD SUPPORT IT.

IT SEEMS MOST LIKELY THAT THE EC WILL  
CONTINUE TO TAKE ON POLITICAL ATTRIBUTES AND THAT THE  
BERLIN-EC RELATIONSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST  
CONTENTIOUS BERLIN ISSUES WITH THE SOVIETS AS WELL AS A  
MATTER OF REAL IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF THE CITY. BECAUSE  
OF THIS, WE AND THE OTHER ALLIES WILL NEED TO BE ESPECIALLY  
WELL INFORMED ON ALL EC DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY IMPINGE ON  
ON ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN OR WHICH  
MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF ALLIED-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS.

2. WE APPROVE ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN  
PARAGRAPH 18 OF REF. A. ON RECOMMENDATION D, WE WOULD NOT  
WISH TO BURDEN THE MISSIONS TO THE EC WITH MORE THAN  
IDENTIFYING ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS WHICH COULD AFFECT  
ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN. THE  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION WOULD  
STILL REST WITH THE BONN GROUP. WE ENDORSE THE SUGGESTION  
IN REF B THAT THE BONN GROUP MISSIONS TO THE EC MEET  
PERIODICALLY AND INFORMALLY TO DISCUSS BERLIN-EC MATTERS  
AND BELIEVE THIS WOULD PROVIDE A FORUM FOR IDENTIFYING  
MATTERS WHICH SHOLD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE  
BONN GROUP.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF OUR GENERAL APPROACH TO EC-BERLIN  
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ISSUES, WE HAVE A LEGITIMATE AND DIRECT INTEREST IN THE  
RELATIONSHIP OF THE EC TO BERLIN. WE SHOULD NOT BE ENTIRELY  
PASSIVE ON THESE QUESTIONS AND SHOULD NOT ALWAYS DEFER  
TO THE JUDGMENT OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BONN GROUP.  
WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO AVOID GETTING IN THE MIDDLE OF  
INTRA-EC DISPUTES, BUT WE SHOULD NOT BE RELUCTANT TO STATE  
OUR VIEWS ON QUESTIONS IN WHICH WE ARE PROPERLY INVOLVED.

4. BY WAY OF MORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE, THE FOLLOWING ARE  
ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE ISSUES IN WHICH THE US HAS A DIRECT  
INTEREST: THE APPLICATION TO BERLIN OF EC MEASURES WHICH  
MAY AFFECT ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES; THE  
PROCEDURES FOR TAKING OVER EC LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN  
BERLIN; THE SELECTION, STATUS, AND VOTING RIGHTS OF THE  
BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT; THE  
ACTIVITIES OF THE EC AND EC OFFICIALS IN THE CITY; AND  
EC ACTIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO PROVOKE SERIOUS SOVIET  
PROTESTS. WE SHOULD ALSO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE  
SUBSTANCE OF THE BONN GROUP STUDY ON THE EC-BERLIN  
RELATIONSHIP AND IN SEEING IT COMPLETED AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. WE DO NOT HAVE A DIRECT INTEREST IN SUCH  
MATERS AS THE NEGOTIATING TACTICS ON THE INCLUSION OF

BERLIN IN THE AREA OF APPLICABILITY CLAUSES OF EC  
TREATIES WITH THIRD PARTIES AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW  
THE LEAD OF THE OTHERS ON THIS AND SIMILAR QUESTIONS.

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